

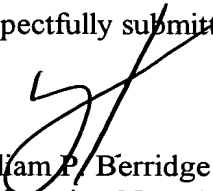
REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, the specification is amended. The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Supervisory Patent Examiner Lazarus and Patent Examiner Barrow at the interview held March 15 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

The specification has been amended to obviate the objections made in the personal interview. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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